

THE REAL ISSUE

Carey Says It Is Re-election of Mitchell.

MAKES REPLY TO SIMON

Increased Tax Levies Were Absolutely Necessary.

PROUD OF MAYOR WILLIAMS

Chairman of City and County Committee Says Charges of Extravagance Are Not Well-Founded and Money Has Been Well Spent.

Judge Carey has appointed the campaign committee which will guide the destinies of the Mitchell faction in Multnomah. The select gentlemen are: Himself, chairman; the Republican County Central Committee; Frank C. Baker, Chairman of the State Central Committee; Herbert Holman, State Senator; A. J. Capron, A. A. Courteney, Dr. E. G. Clark, A. M. Williams, Melvin B. Carter and E. H. Kelly.

Judge C. H. Carey, chairman of the city and county committee, takes much exception to the published criticism made by ex-Senator Simon on the "address to the public," issued by the Mitchell organization.

"Mr. Simon," said Judge Carey, yesterday, "adroitly avoids discussing the issue which is before the people of this county at the primaries, which was called the 'paramount issue' by the Republican City and County Committee, and that is whether Senator Mitchell is to be re-elected."

"The same may be said about President Roosevelt's nomination, Senator Simon, according to The Oregonian's report, 'had little comment to make' upon the charge of the committee that when he returned from Washington he announced his bitter and irreconcilable hostility to the President, and that he should not be trusted with the delegation to the National convention."

"It must be admitted that at the present time Senator Mitchell can do more for the State or Oregon at the primaries than can any other person who could be selected for United States Senator. We are asking greater appropriations for Oregon in proportion to her population than any other state in the Union. If Portland wants to stay on the map she must get her river and harbor improved. The only way to keep Portland in the front as a commercial center is to give her the facilities for commerce that her competitors now have."

"I am glad to see that Senator Simon recognizes the fact that Judge Williams' administration is above criticism. There is no doubt that the administration of city affairs under Judge Williams is the best the city has had for many years, unless possibly criticism can be made of the Police Department, and on that subject minds may differ."

"It is very cheap campaign material that Mr. Simon makes out of the fact that the levy for taxes this year will reach \$6 million. He should know, if he does not, that this is not due to the expenses of the county administration, but is thrust upon us by the increase of the levy for the state, schools and the Port of Portland."

for the year ending December 31, 1903, the total amount of the county was \$117,000 less than for the previous year.

"Mr. Simon's figures in this morning's Oregonian are untrue and misleading. In the first 12 months of our administration we cut down the county's indebtedness \$24,265.37, despite the fact that we were compelled to pay about \$50,000 worth of bills left by Mr. Simon's people. Ever since Mr. Simon has had control of county affairs the indebtedness has steadily grown. We have reduced the indebtedness from \$27,862.99 on June 30, 1902, to \$24,265.37 on June 30, 1903, and on June 30 of this year the indebtedness of the county will amount to less than \$20,000. Every department in the county for the past 12 months shows a decrease in expenditure than at any time previous.

"Take the year 1903 and compare it with any year under the old administration, and the showing is so much better in every way that it leaves absolutely no room for argument. The expenditures have been less, the collection of delinquent taxes, that have been lying dormant for years, has been pushed, and the service generally has been better than at any time in the previous administration.

"The fact remains that in spite of all that Mr. Simon may say to the contrary, the present County Court will have a Multnomah County out of debt on July 1, 1904, while if Mr. Simon had remained in control and conducted affairs as he has in the past, the indebtedness would have increased from year to year, and it would have been only a question of time when the county would have been practically bankrupt. The frauds that have been unearthed around themselves condemn Mr. Simon's administration with all believers in purity in public affairs forevermore."

Called to Meet in Haste. Freightmen's Association to Meet Monday.

An unusual amount of interest and anxiety is being manifested here in the special session of the Transcontinental Freightmen's Association, which is to be held in Chicago on January 23. The hurried manner in which it was called and the secrecy surrounding the affair, gives rise to innumerable conjectures about what business is to be considered. It is usually an indication that something of more than ordinary importance is about to happen when a meeting is called in this manner, and as the shippers of this district are facing a serious situation in the rate matter, they are naturally on the qui vive to discover what is to be done. The notices to the local freight representatives simply ordered them to start for Chicago immediately, but conveyed no information about what was to be done.

The prevailing impression, of course, is that the meeting has been called to consider the recent advance in freight rates to the Pacific Coast, but no confirmation of this supposition can be secured. The shippers are hoping that it is the case, for if it is so, it is an indication that the railroads have found they cannot arbitrarily raise rates to suit themselves and force the patrons of the road to accept their medicine. If these rates are to be discussed it is evident that great pressure has been brought to bear in some manner to induce the roads to readjust rates. The railroad men are anxious because they fear that something may be up that will affect them and their work. Uneasiness appears on several sides.

It has also been suggested that the freight association has reason to believe that a decision on the merger case is about to be rendered and the meeting has been called for the purpose of dealing with such situations as may arise through this decision. Whatever the business may be, it is evidently of great importance to warrant such a hasty meeting.

Railroad Notes. Superintendent J. P. O'Brien, of the O. R. & N., returned yesterday from a ten days' trip over the lines of the road. He reports everything in good condition. In the Eastern part of the state more moisture has fallen than in years, and farmers and ranges are reported to be in finer condition than they have been for a long time.

The various railroad officials of the city have received from Egan, McNulty & Co. memorial cards announcing the death of John Reid, a director of the company, who is well known in railroad circles. Mr. Reid died on January 22. He had charge of the railroad printing department of the company, and was probably better known to the railroad men of the country than any other publisher in the country.

ASSESS AT HIGHER

Plan to Reduce Levy on Multnomah Property.

NO MORE FORTY-MILL LEVIES

Assessor McDonell Announces His Purpose—Present Assessment is Lower Than That of 1893, Yet Greater Population.

Table of Taxable Property in Multnomah County this year will probably be assessed at higher valuations than last year, possibly 20 or 30 per cent. The tax levy will thereby be reduced, and 40-mill levies such as this year's, will be relegated into history.

The present assessment is 18 per cent lower than that of ten years ago, but the new levy is nearly 70 per cent higher than the levy of 1893. Population of the city has grown 40 per cent in the last decade, but revenue to the city government from taxes has increased only 15 per cent. This year the city will derive \$45,000 from taxes, one-fourth of which will be paid out in interest on bonded debt. In 1893 \$371,785 came in from taxes, and the interest charges were much less.

C. E. McDonell, Assessor, has in mind to raise the valuations, but has not yet decided how much. The total assessment on which taxes will be collected this year is \$1,053,300. An advance to \$5,000,000 or \$7,000,000 is quite likely. Mr. McDonell, when asked yesterday whether the increase would be that much or more, responded:

"The next assessment will be higher, but how much I do not yet know." Strong influence is bearing on Mr. McDonell to raise the valuations. A 40-mill levy is too high, say the persons who hear his ear, and should be lowered. They point out that a \$5,000,000 assessment last year would have kept down the new levy in Portland to 25 cents in the dollar, they say, is not creditable to the city, nor is it good politics.

Table of Levy, Taxable Assessment, Total Levy, and Revenue for various years from 1893 to 1903.

County and City Revenues. F. O. Burkhardt, Deputy County Auditor, has prepared a statement of county revenues, running back to 1893. The statement shows the revenues of the county government from taxes and other sources during that period. From it one may see that the county government is posting less than eight years ago and less than any of the years mentioned. The expense of running the county is now about \$300,000 per annum. Last year the total income of the county was \$30,221, 213.00, of which went to reduce the county debt.

PERSONAL MENTION. Chinese Inspector J. A. Barbour is confined to his home with an attack of la grippe.

R. H. Pease, president of the Goodyear Rubber Company, arrived in Portland yesterday morning and expects to remain about a week or ten days.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows: From Portland—S. Wolf, at the Raleigh; From Spokane—H. E. Albertus, at the Wallington; W. N. Levy, at the Astor; From Seattle—E. Richter, at the New Amsterdam.

One Patient Has Smallpox. SALEM, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Superintendent J. F. Callbreath of the state insane asylum said today that no new cases of smallpox have appeared in that institution and only the one case, discovered two weeks ago, exists. Don't carry a cough around with you. Pease's Cure has made cough unnecessary.

Store Open Tonight Until 9:30---Great Bargains in Every Department Clearance Sale at Meier & Frank's Best Bargains to Be Found Anywhere in the City

This Big Store is full of the most astonishing bargains—an inexhaustible measure of buying opportunities not to be found anywhere else. In every department the saving to be effected is greater than ever before. Today 13 1/2 hours in which to take advantage of the thousands of Clearance Sale offerings—store as usual open Saturday evenings until 9:30—a great convenience to the army of people employed daily from 8 until 6 o'clock and whose shopping must be done Saturday evenings. Here's a Saturday list worthy your careful consideration:

Drug Sundries

- Big Bottle Witch Hazel, 16c
Eastman's Florida Water for only... 19c and 31c
Coke's Dandruff Cure... 57c
Dr. Graves' Tooth Powder, 8c
Dr. Graves' Talcum Powder for... 7c
Eastman's Violet Cold Cream for... 8c
Eastman Talcum Powder... 9c
All of Mme. Yale's Face and Toilet Preparations, the \$1 articles for... 69c
Lyon's Tooth Powder... 12c
All Toilet Articles, Combs, Brushes, Sponges, etc., at low prices.
Glycerine Tar Soap, 3 cakes for... 10c
Cocoa Honey Soap, cake... 3c
Green Castile Soap, cake... 3c
Witch Hazel Soap, 3 cakes... 9c
Fancy Toilet Soap, all odors, 3 cakes in box, box... 17c
2-lb. bar White Castile... 14c
Imp'd bar Castile Soap... 49c
Imported Almond Oil Soap, per bar... 49c
Imported Castile, cut in pieces, for... 7c
4-in-One Castile Soap, bar... 4c
Large Oval Cakes Glycerine Soap for... 7c
Benzoin Cosmetic, 2c values, for, cake... 11c

Men's 50c, 75c Hosiery 29c Pair

Lord & Taylor's Sample Line--2500 Pairs



At 8 o'clock this morning we place on sale the sample line of men's "Onyx" Hose, Lord & Taylor's famous make—Every man, every woman who buys good hosiery knows the good qualities of "Onyx" brand—The largest and best line sold in America—Meier & Frank Company are their best customers in the whole country west of Chicago; naturally when they have a good thing to distribute we have first call—This lot is their entire sample line shown last Fall and purchased by the furnishing goods buyer when in the market during November—Plain and fancy lises, fine cotton Hosiery, striped cashmere Hosiery, 2500 pairs, values are equally divided between 50 and 75 cents—Economic men won't let this unusual opportunity to buy fine Hosiery at little cost slip by— 29c Your choice of the entire lot, per pair.....

NOTE THESE SPECIALS IN MEN'S WEAR. Wright's famous Health Underwear, all wool, fleece-lined, Winter weight, the finest \$2.00 garment manufactured, all sizes \$1.53 shirts and drawers. Natural wool ribbed Shirts and Drawers, fronts, pearl buttons, nicely made, the best \$1.00 Underwear sold in town all sizes, today... 79c

Children's Coats Reduced

We're offering the best bargains in our history in Children's Coats. All this season's very best garments are marked at prices that are bound to move them double quick.



Children's Long Coats, of melton, ladies' cloth and covert, all colors, ages 2 to 14 years, this season's very best styles, VALUES UP TO \$9.00... \$3.95 Children's Long Coats, in kerseys, chevots and broadcloths, ages 2 to 14 years, all this season's best styles, richly trimmed, well made, \$9.00 TO \$12.00 VALUES FOR \$4.95 ONLY All our High-Class Novelty Garments—Coats and Dresses, chevots, kerseys, velvets, zibelines, broadcloths, the handsomest line to be found in the entire West—\$14.00 TO \$35.00 VALUES FOR Half Price

Ladies' Neckwear Specials

Saturday Neckwear specials that we know will interest you—Bound to interest you because the styles are new and the prices so unusually low.

Swiss embroidered stock Collars, the very best styles, new goods, reg. 25c value, today only... 17c Fancy mercerized stock Collars, plain white or white with fancy edges; great sp. val. today... 29c Special lot of lace and embroidered round Collars, values ranging from 75c to \$2.50 each; to clean up... 39c Venise lace stock Collars, ecru and white, great val. for today, each... 27c



Important Ribbon Bargains

1/2-inch Liberty Satin Ribbon, in black, white, cardinal, mauve, pink and old rose, very best 35c quality, on sale today only at yard... 22c Our entire stock of satin and grosgrain Ribbons, best all-silk quality, widths 9 to 22, all the best colors, values up to 35c yard... 10c

\$1.50 Umbrellas at \$1.09

Special line of 100 Ladies' Umbrellas, twilled gloria covering horn, pearl, bone, natural and trimmed handles, close rollers, every one \$1.50 value, today your choice at, ea... \$1.09

Pictures 1/2 Price

The grandest Picture offering ever made in this city, and includes every Framed Picture in the store—Water Colors, Pastels, Medallions, Etchings, Platinums, Gravures, all the new subjects for parlor, dining-room, library and den.

Brass Frames, Bric-a-Brac and Statuary—entire stock at half price—Second Floor.

Book Department

Munsey's, Pearson's, Woman's Home Companion, McClure's and all the popular magazines published are on sale in the Book Store.

Bargains in Men's Clothing

Never was good clothing so low-priced during this Great Annual Clearance Sale. All the very best styles and materials in Suits and Overcoats for Men, Youths and Boys marked at prices less than the actual cost of manufacturing. In the stock can be found many garments desirable for wear this coming Spring. At any rate, it's your interest to look here before buying.

Men's fine all-wool worsted Trousers in the very best patterns, all... \$3.65 \$5 values, pair...

Men's \$14 all-wool fancy tweed Overcoats, in medium weights, well made, best trimmings, great value at the low price of... \$7.15

Men's all-wool \$12.50 Suits, in worsteds, chevots and meltons, great special values at... \$8.89

Men's extra fine quality \$20 Suits, in fancy worsteds, chevots, tweeds and cashmeres, remarkable values, in this... \$14.85 sale at... Men's genuine "Priestley" Cravenettes at... \$10.15 Men's \$2.50 Terrycloth Bath Robes at only... \$1.89 Every Suit, Overcoat, Vest, Smoking Jacket in stock is being offered at an unusually low price.



25 POUNDS OF SUGAR FOR \$1.00. "Christy" Brand Knives, polished handles, best made; 50c values reduced to 30c; 2c values reduced to 1c; 10c values reduced to 5c; 25c values reduced to 12c; 50c values reduced to 25c; 75c values reduced to 37c; 1.00 values reduced to 50c; 1.50 values reduced to 75c; 2.00 values reduced to 1.00; 2.50 values reduced to 1.25; 3.00 values reduced to 1.50; 3.50 values reduced to 1.75; 4.00 values reduced to 2.00; 4.50 values reduced to 2.25; 5.00 values reduced to 2.50; 5.50 values reduced to 2.75; 6.00 values reduced to 3.00; 6.50 values reduced to 3.25; 7.00 values reduced to 3.50; 7.50 values reduced to 3.75; 8.00 values reduced to 4.00; 8.50 values reduced to 4.25; 9.00 values reduced to 4.50; 9.50 values reduced to 4.75; 10.00 values reduced to 5.00; 10.50 values reduced to 5.25; 11.00 values reduced to 5.50; 11.50 values reduced to 5.75; 12.00 values reduced to 6.00; 12.50 values reduced to 6.25; 13.00 values reduced to 6.50; 13.50 values reduced to 6.75; 14.00 values reduced to 7.00; 14.50 values reduced to 7.25; 15.00 values reduced to 7.50; 15.50 values reduced to 7.75; 16.00 values reduced to 8.00; 16.50 values reduced to 8.25; 17.00 values reduced to 8.50; 17.50 values reduced to 8.75; 18.00 values reduced to 9.00; 18.50 values reduced to 9.25; 19.00 values reduced to 9.50; 19.50 values reduced to 9.75; 20.00 values reduced to 10.00; 20.50 values reduced to 10.25; 21.00 values reduced to 10.50; 21.50 values reduced to 10.75; 22.00 values reduced to 11.00; 22.50 values reduced to 11.25; 23.00 values reduced to 11.50; 23.50 values reduced to 11.75; 24.00 values reduced to 12.00; 24.50 values reduced to 12.25; 25.00 values reduced to 12.50.